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Woman fined $150 while assisting her elderly mother

Jessica Smith Cross
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A Toronto woman is demanding an apology from the "heartless" officer who ticketed her car while she was helping her elderly mother leave a medical appointment during rush hour.

Antonella Talotta said she plans to fight the ticket she received while parked in a no-stopping zone Friday on Queen Street East near St. Michael's Hospital.

"It's not like I was stopping to go to Tim Hortons," Talotta said. "I was helping somebody who's disabled."

Talotta said she had parked in a lot about half a block away while her mother had laser surgery to treat a hemorrhage in one of her eyes. When her mother, who couldn't see and has trouble walking, was ready to leave, Talotta said she drove to the front doors of the medical office building at 61 Queen St. E.

Antonella Talotta CONTRIBUTED

There, she turned on her hazard lights, met her mother in the lobby and walked her to the car.

Talotta was away from the car for "about 30 seconds" but saw the officer writing the ticket as she returned.

She told Metro: "As I'm coming out I was saying, 'Officer, I'm here, I'm just bringing Mom out to the car,' and he was ignoring me the whole time, until he finally said, 'Sorry, it's rush hour.'"

Talotta said she went public with her story and is fighting the $150 ticket because enforcement officers should be lenient in these situations.

Toronto police spokeswoman Const. Jeniffer Sidhu declined comment on the ticket, but said police and parking enforcement officers have discretion on writing tickets and can take circumstances into account.

St. Michael's Hospital spokeswoman Leslie Shepherd offered Talotta an apology, but told Metro that parking challenges outside the medical building are "a reality of operating in a dense urban centre."

The eye clinic will be moving into a new tower being built at Queen and Victoria streets, where, Shepherd says, it will have a "driveway where patients can be safely and conveniently dropped off and picked up."

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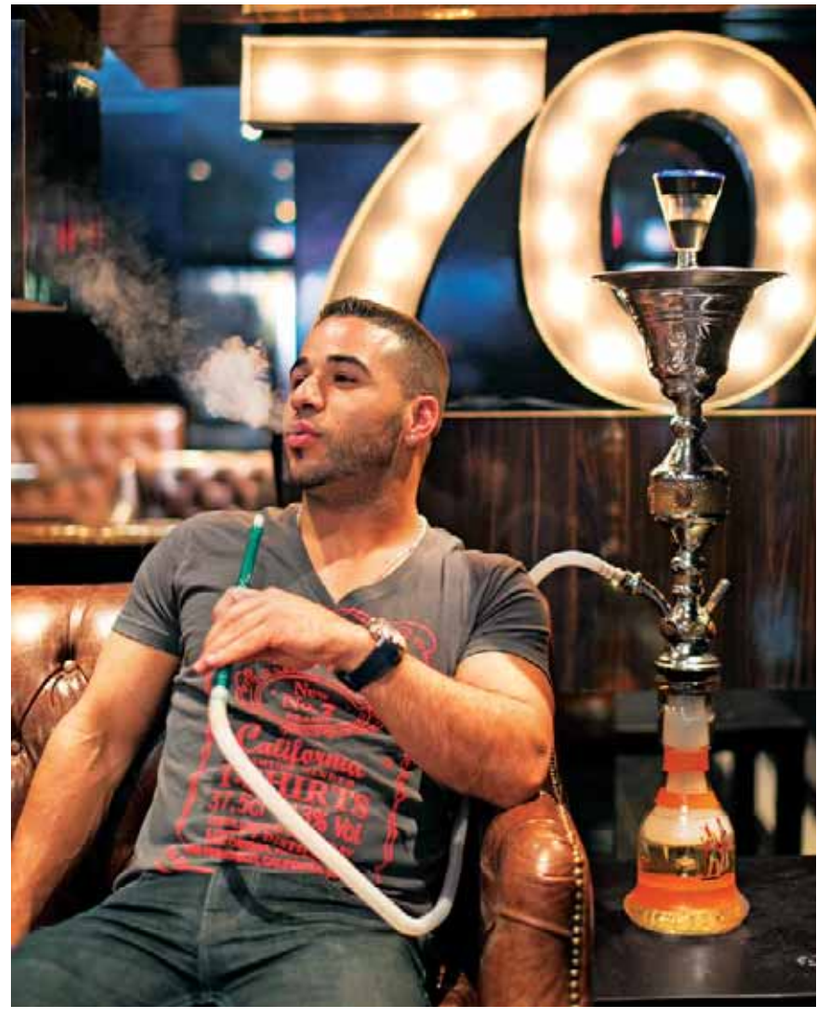

OFF THE HOOKAH

As Toronto moves closer to banning the use of hookahs in licensed establishments, Alex Saddiqi calls the city's push a "personal attack" on his culture. More in metroNEWS. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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Courts cool to city's Uber pleas

TRANSPORTATION

Regulation of service best left to elected officials: Judge

The City of Toronto's effort to shut down all of Uber's operations received a cool reception Monday as a judge repeatedly questioned whether the city should even be in court asking for help.

"This is easily resolved with a wave of a drafting wand," Mr. Justice Sean Dunphy of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice said to city lawyer Michele Wright as she wrapped up her submissions on the first day of a three-day hearing. "Why should we be arguing about this if it just takes the will of the politicians?"

The city argues Uber is operating an illegal taxi and limo brokerage because the California-based company picks its drivers, links them with passengers through a smartphone app, has the power to suspend or dismiss drivers, and even collects the fares.

"If it looks like a duck, quacks like a duck, you should call it a duck," Wright said.

Wright noted Uber has many operations — from the taxi service that dispatches municipally licensed drivers in municipally licensed vehicles, to the UberX application which has ordinary people driving their own personal cars to ferry people around, at much lower fares.

Uber estimates that by year's end it will have as many as 15,000 people driving for its UberX application in Ontario, with the majority in Toronto.

Taxicab drivers gathered downtown for another protest Monday, filling streets, disrupting traffic and making their message clear. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

She tried to shoot down Uber's argument that it is merely a passive player in the transaction and not a taxi brokerage, only linking drivers and passengers through a smartphone app. Uber, which has operated here since 2012, says it does not directly accept any calls or requests, leaving it up to drivers to decide, what rides to take.

But Dunphy interrupted Wright several times, each time with the same point.

"The question is not whether you have jurisdiction to regulate," said Dunphy. "My question is whether you have exercised that jurisdiction. Is it my job to fill in the gaps of the legislation?"

> **If it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, you should call it a duck.**
> City lawyer Michelle Wright

He conceded that regulating the taxi industry is complicated and complex and it is difficult to ensnare the thousands of the illegal drivers — arguing it would be easier to nab "the Godfather."

Dunphy noted that Mayor John Tory has indicated that he wants to see Uber regulated, repeating his view that such rules may be better left to elected officials to set.

Uber's lawyer Julie Rosenthal began her arguments late Monday, saying that the city's regulatory scheme is triggered by accepting calls or requests for rides.

Because Uber, the company, doesn't accept calls, it doesn't trigger the licensing scheme, she said. "The provision of the municipal code has not kept up with new technology," she said. "It is not for the court to amend the municipal code."

Uber has consistently argued it is not a taxi company, but rather a technology company and has refused to apply for the brokerage licence.

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TORONTO CABBIES SPEAK OUT

Lionel Williams
Williams has been in the cab industry since 1985. Uber's very existence is "just unfair," he said.

"They're coming in with an app and break into business immediately," he said. "We pay for the right to be on the road, but these guys are picking up for free."

Mansur Abdul
Abdul wants to see Uber services stopped immediately.

"These so-called private drivers should be stopped today," he said. "What if some of them are criminals?"

"I can't let my wife and my kids use that service."

Avtar Sekhon
City Taxi owner Sekhon said he doesn't understand why Uber has been allowed to stay in business.

"We spend all of our life in this industry," Sekhorn said.

"It is unjust to let these people work when they don't follow any rules."

Melese Bekele
Bekele has been a taxi driver in the city for the past 17 years. He likes the technology aspect but finds it "cruel" they aren't regulated.

"This has to stop," he said as he pulled his car into the protest line. "If everybody is a taxi driver, it's complete chaos." GILBERT NGABO/METRO

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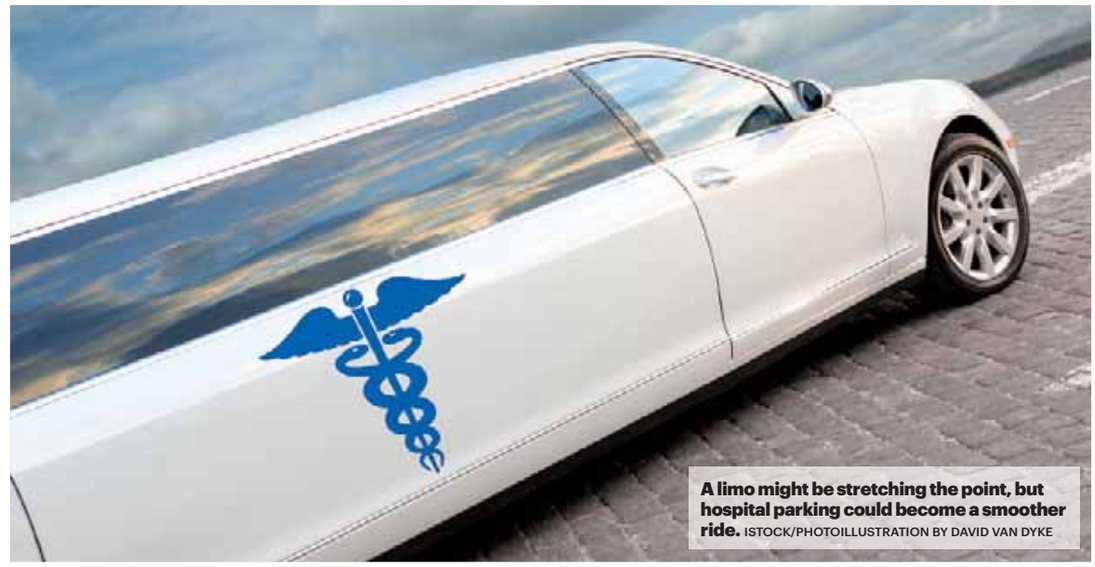

A limo might be stretching the point, but hospital parking could become a smoother ride. ISTOCK/PHOTOILLUSTRATION BY DAVID VAN DYKE

Here's how to arrive at a hospital in style

HEALTH

Ottawa follows Toronto with valet parking proposal

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

Pulling up to a hospital parking lot could soon become a little more luxurious.

The Ottawa Hospital is looking for a local company to run a proposed valet or jockey parking service at all three of its locations, as part of a year-long pilot project to help make finding a place to park less of a headache for visitors.

Ottawa would be following the Bayview Campus of Toronto's Sunnybrook Hospital, which has been offering valet parking for an additional $3 since 2006.

"The Ottawa Hospital faces the ongoing challenge of providing sufficient parking space to meet the needs of its patients and visitors," says a recent request for proposals.

The winning bidder would be in charge of running the existing parking lots at the General, Civic, and Riverside campuses.

The request for proposals didn't specify how much the valet parking would cost above the hospital's daily parking rates. The Ottawa Hospital already takes in $12 million a year in revenue from parking fees.

Companies that are interested in providing the valet service must go to the Civic campus on Friday for a mandatory meeting.

The Ottawa Hospital declined an interview request from Metro, but a spokeswoman said boosting revenue is not the main reason for trying out the service.

Rather, said Hazel Harding, "it is attempt to find solutions to our parking issues."

The request for proposals does note, however, that the service should generate "sufficient revenue" to help offset the costs of operating and managing the parking lots.

The hospital might also decide against going ahead with the valet parking pilot project, Harding said.

The valet service would "ideally offer additional revenue beyond the costs of the service that may be used by (the Ottawa Hospital) to enhance its patient services," the request for proposals says.

If the one-year pilot project is successful, the hospital says it will consider a five-year agreement, with the option of an additional two-year extension.

Jockey parking involves an employee parking a visitor's car in a space dependent on the time he or she is expected to stay at the hospital.

ONTARIO

Physicians' bad behaviour to go public

Ontario's medical watchdog has become less secretive about doctors who make mistakes and act improperly.

In an effort to increase transparency and accountability, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) is now letting patients know when it has "orally cautioned" doctors.

New measures, adopted by the regulator last Thursday and Friday, also include calling on the province to get tougher with physicians who sexually abuse patients, calling for "mandatory revocation" of doctors' licences in all cases of "physical sexual contact" with patients.

In addition, it has plans to ponder whether it should report to police whenever a physician may have committed a crime, and whether gender-based restrictions are appropriate.

The CPSO's governing council approved new transparency bylaws to allow more information to be posted on its website about doctors who have run into trouble with the regulator.

Oral cautions are essentially warnings given to doctors by college officials to deal with serious issues, such as improper communication with patients, lack of timely referrals and errors in prescribing medication.

Until now, they have been kept from patients.

2,000

Number of secret cautions issued to physicians and other health professionals in the five years preceding a 2013 Torstar News Service investigation.

Under its new bylaws, the CPSO will also let the public know if doctors face criminal charges, have been ordered to take remedial education or have been disciplined in other jurisdictions.

"The goal that we have in making these items transparent is to allow patients to have a good knowledge of their physicians and make informed choices," said CPSO president Dr. Carol Leet.

Medical malpractice lawyer Paul Harte lauded the college for making the "long overdue changes." The move is particularly commendable because it was made in the face of strong opposition from the Ontario Medical Association, the Canadian Medical Protective Association, which insures doctors, and some of the regulator's members, he said.

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5 WAYS TO SPEND TORONTO'S GARDINER SAVINGS

Toronto city council will decide the fate of the Gardiner Expressway next week. Two options are on the table: One would tear down the eastern portion of the roadway and replace it with an eight-lane boulevard. The other, so-called hybrid option, would maintain the highway while shifting the location of some on-ramps. With a price tag of roughly $919 million, the latter option is nearly twice as expensive as the former. While debate is continuing, Metro took a look at what the city could do with the money saved by choosing the cheaper, and what more and more people are considering the logical, option. **LUKE SIMCOE** METRO

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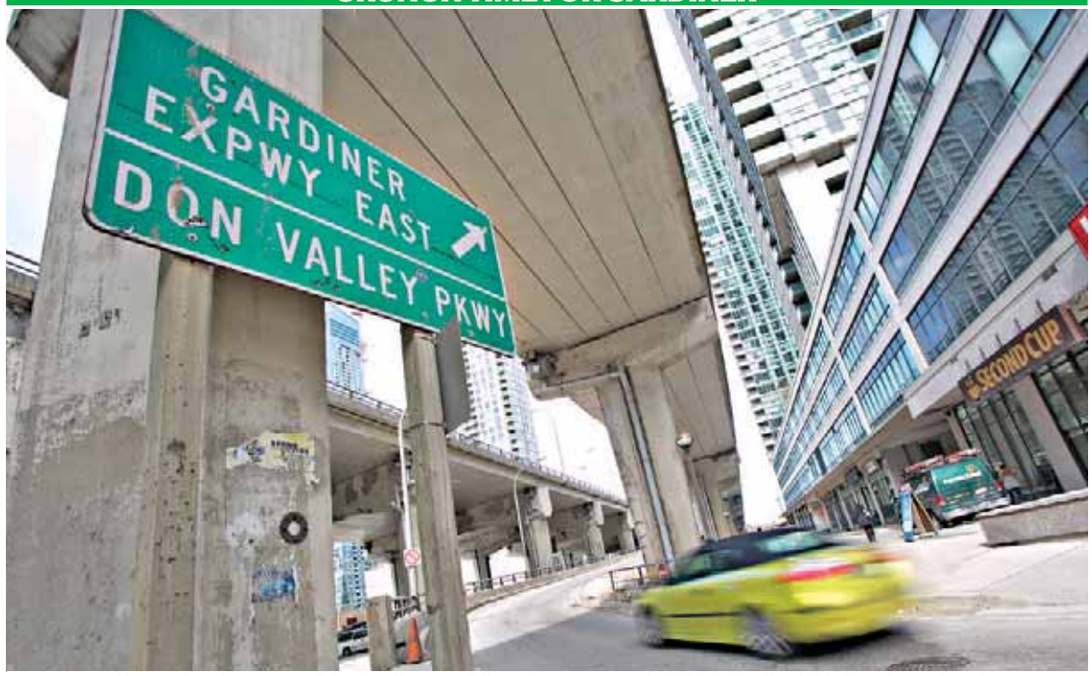

Money saved by tearing down part of the Gardiner could buy 85 streetcars, build 3,300 affordable housing units, give every child in the Toronto District School Board a meal a day for six years or fill 20 million potholes. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

1 Transit

With Toronto facing increasing congestion on the TTC and a serious state of good repair backlog in transit infrastructure, many have argued the savings gained by removing the Gardiner could be better spent on public transit. Here are a few examples of what $500 million could buy in transit terms:

- 85 new Bombardier streetcars
- Three kilometres of new subway tunnels (the projected Scarborough subway route is 7.6 kilometres)
- Add Wi-Fi to all remaining TTC subway stations, with ample money left over to connect streetcars and buses.
- Cost projections vary, but $500 million could pay for at least half of the waterfront LRT route between Exhibition Place and Sugar Beach.

2 Housing

Toronto Community Housing is facing a $7.5 billion repair backlog and waiting lists for affordable housing in the city have reached record highs. With the money saved by tearing down the Gardiner, the city could build roughly 3,300 new affordable housing units.

3 Social programs

The city's school nutrition program provides healthy breakfasts to needy schoolchildren across Toronto. According to reports from Toronto Public Health, it costs $1.46 to feed a student breakfast every day. By choosing the removal option, the city could serve up 340 million meals to hungry children. That's one meal a day for every child in the Toronto District School Board for six years.

4 Taxes

Toronto already has a relatively low residential tax rate compared to other municipalities in Ontario, but choosing the removal option could result in substantial savings for local taxpayers. Over the hybrid option's 100-year lifespan, the added $500 million cost is akin to a 0.2% property tax increase; that's five dollars a year from every household in the city over the next century.

5 Road repair

The city pays roughly $25 to fix a pothole, meaning the money could be used to fill in an estimated 20 million potholes.

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SCARBOROUGH TRANSIT

Proposed subway runs all bad: analysis

All three routes being considered for Scarborough run through "extremely low density" areas with few jobs and little potential for redevelopment, according to new data.

The numbers also call into question whether a Bellamy Road subway — one of three routes being considered and the least likely to cause duplication with Mayor John Tory's planned SmartTrack line — is viable. It's a choice that could cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

Of the three options, the new analysis for the Star by University of Toronto human geography professor Andre Sorensen shows the Bellamy Road corridor would have the most people within walking distance of a station.

But by comparison, provincial data shows both Don Mills and Yonge-Sheppard stations on the Sheppard subway line — what has been called a "white elephant" for the riders it failed to draw — have more people living nearby than that of the entire Bellamy Road corridor.

Last week, city documents showed staff had narrowed the possible alignments for the subway to corridors along Bellamy, McCowan Road and Midland Avenue. Those options will be presented to the public this month at a series of meetings.

Sorensen's analysis found the proposed routes are "basically equal" in that they are all low-density options.

When it comes to moving people around and getting people to jobs — objectives Tory has repeated as the main motivations for many of his recent transit initiatives — Sorensen's numbers show little potential to accomplish those goals.

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Trevor Noah's booking is 'super-exciting.' THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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JFL42

Heir to The Daily Show to headline comedy fest

Here's a coup for JFL42: getting comedian Trevor Noah to perform as a headliner three days before he takes over the reins of The Daily Show.

Robbie Praw, director of programming for the Toronto festival, is supremely confident that Noah will perform on Friday, Sept. 25, because the South African native accepted the gig the day after it was announced he would replace Jon Stewart on the award-winning news satire show.

"It's super-exciting and really nice of him to do it. I'm sure he's going to have a lot on his mind. But I think it's going to be good for him to come to Toronto, which is one of the best audiences in the world," Praw said.

It will be the first Toronto performance for Noah, who has previously done stand-up at Montreal's annual Just for Laughs festival and will return there this summer.

"Genuinely I'm most excited about getting to drive to all the areas Drake raps about. It's going to be like a guided tour — running through the 6 with my woes," Noah said in a statement, quoting a lyric from the Toronto rapper's song Know Yourself.

JFL42 has also snagged Hannibal Buress, a respected comic who has become best known recently as the guy who accused comic legend Bill Cosby of being a rapist during a standup set in October 2014.

That subsequently led to more than 20 women stepping forward to allege they had been drugged and sexually assaulted by Cosby over the past four decades, tarnishing his reputation.

The festival is making a bid for younger audiences with the addition of Miranda Sings (a character created by U.S. comedian Colleen Ballinger), who has produced more than 400 videos for her YouTube channel and has an estimated following of 4 million.

Other headliners include veteran comics Patton Oswalt, Craig Ferguson, Bill Burr, John Mulaney and Chris Hardwick, host of the Nerdist podcast and the Walking Dead aftershow Talking Dead.

Passes for this year's festival go on sale on June 5, ranging from $54.50 to $299, at jfl42.com.

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Neo40: Is it a Miracle Supplement?

The following article is an interview between W.Gifford-Jones M.D. and the creator of Neo40 Dr. Nathan Bryan from the University of Texas.

Article taken from "The Doctor Game - W. Gifford-Jones M.D. September 8, 2012

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Several months ago I reported on a unique drug, **Neo40,** which has now been approved by Health Canada. To find out more about **Neo40**, now available in health food stores, I interviewed Dr. Nathan Bryan, Professor of Molecular Medicine at the University of Texas Health Center in Houston and creator of the formula.

G-J: What is Neo40?

NB: Neo40 is a lozenge that contains L-Citrulline, an amino acid derived from protein, vitamin C, beet root and hawthorn, a potent combination that produces nitric oxide. Early in life our bodies manufacture large amounts of nitric oxide (NO). After age 40 production of NO decreases. This sets the stage for hypertension, kidney dysfunction, diabetes, heart attack or stroke, just to name a few major illnesses. It's called the "miracle molecule" because it helps so many diverse problems.

Dr. Nathan Bryan

G-J: Is there science behind its claims?

NB: The discovery of NO resulted in a Nobel Prize for three U.S. scientists and now over 130,000 scientific papers about this molecule have been published in medical literature. NO is produced in the inner lining of all blood vessels. Lay a single layer of these cells on a flat surface and it would occupy a soccer field . The cells cause arteries to relax, thus lowering blood pressure. But with insufficient NO, arteries constrict, resulting in hypertension, bringing increased pressure in the heart and other organs.

G-J: There must be more to NO than the dilation of blood vessels?

NB: Experiments show that NO prevents blood platelets from sticking together, decreases plaque formation and chronic inflammation in arteries, all factors that increase the risk of heart attack. Other research shows NO lowers triglycerides, bad cholesterol, and raises good cholesterol, and it prevents bone destruction from osteoclasts.

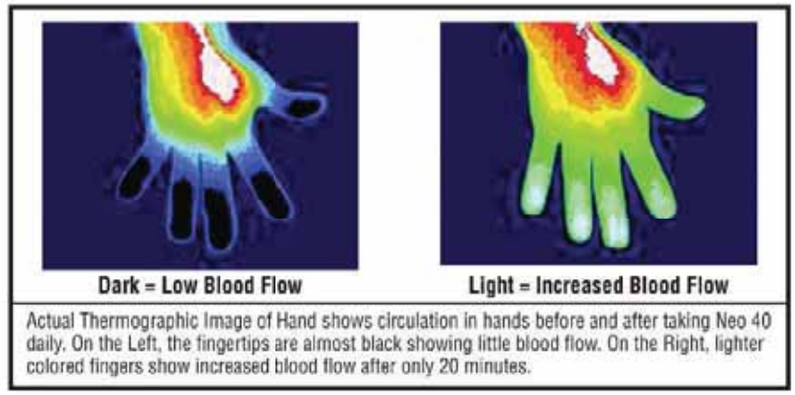
G-J: Can NO help the epidemic of type 2 diabetes?

NB: High blood sugar destroys the circulatory system and 50 percent of diabetes patients die of heart attack. Diabetes causes insulin resistance which makes it hard for glucose to enter cells. Raising NO levels helps to control these problems and also decreases the risk of diabetic ulcers and gangrene of the legs by improving blood flow.

G-J: Does NO help other conditions?

NB: Many people suffer from glaucoma, increased pressure in the eye. This is caused by a clogged trabecular mesh-work that drains fluid from the eye. Hungarian researchers report that NO may benefit this problem.

NB: 27 million Americans also suffer from asthma and its inflamed, constricted, mucous-clogged airways. Experts say it's due to pollution, allergies and stress. Now research at Hammersmith Hospital in London, England, reports that NO helps to maintain a biochemical balance in air passages and that it could be helpful in treating inflamed airways. Another Dutch study reports that NO can calm nerves in tightened airways and relax muscles.



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G-J: Can patients increase the production of NO by natural means?

NB: The big problem is that obesity decreases NO and 50 percent of the population is overweight, so for them it's difficult to increase NO by dietary measures. Exercise can also boost NO levels, but people with endothelial dysfunction don't produce the same amount of NO during exercise as healthy people. We know that weight-loss surgery can boost NO by as much as 40 percent. But this is a radical and risky way to lose weight.

G-J: Are foods helpful?

NB: Leafy green vegetables such as Kale, Swiss Chard, Arugula, Spinach, Chicory, Wild Radish and Bok Choy are all high sources of bioactive NO. Dark chocolate and wine also increase NO.

G-J: What about the use of supplements?

NB: Neo40 is the only answer if people refuse to change their lifestyle. This is one lozenge that must be dissolved slowly in the mouth twice a day until NO increases and then used once a day.

G-J: Dr. Bryan, it's been a pleasure to learn of your work at the Institute of Molecular Medicine. I'll consider your advice about Bok Choy. But it will be difficult to say no to one of your Texas steaks!

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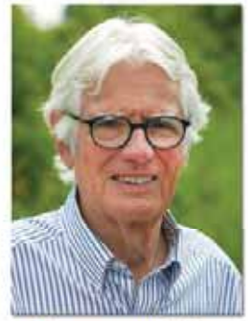

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CONTEST

Poster contest focuses on UPX diesel trains

Jessica Smith Cross
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A group of TTC riders took to Queen's Park on Monday with an unusual advocacy campaign: A poster contest for kids at Toronto schools.

The group worked with schools near the UP Express rail link between Union Station and the airport, which opens on Saturday, and invited students to illustrate their health and environmental concerns about the diesel trains.

A dozen schools participated and more than 140 students submitted posters, said the group's executive director Jessica Bell. The group announced the winners at Queen's Park.

Arwyn Carpenter, a kindergarten teacher at Perth Ave Public School, was among those who spoke.

"Our school happens to be about a block away from the train tracks where the diesel trains are running, so it was very important for our students to participate in this contest," she said afterwards.

"They are aware of the pollution caused by the diesel trains and also the fact that the trains don't stop here — they're express trains so they're not really useable by the residents in this area, who are the people absorbing a lot of this air pollution."

The contest was a teachable moment for the students, Carpenter said.

"We talked about the environment and how our actions impact the environment and how we can make decisions that are good for the environment, and we thought that the diesel trains are not a good decision because they are polluting," she said.

She also wanted them to realize they could be advocates and activists, she said.

The province is working to convert the line to electric, but that can't come fast enough for the TTC riders group which is opposed to the use of diesel trains in the meantime, as well as the relatively high fares and the few stops between the financial district and the airport.

Some of the winners.
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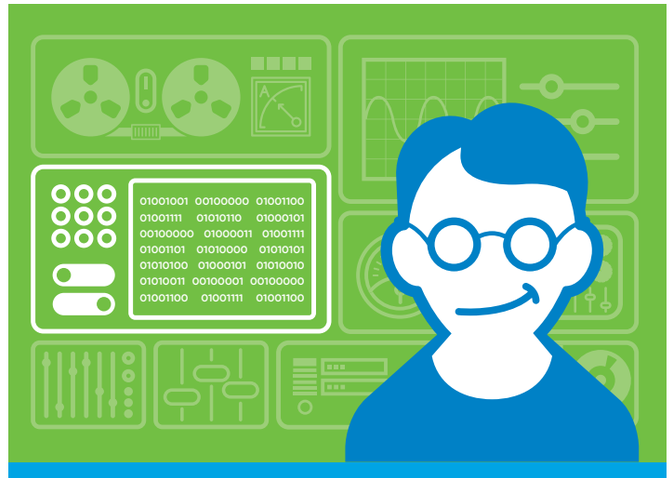

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Feathered fugitive is still a flight risk

HIGH PARK

Animal experts say rogue peacock likely headed home

The Toronto peacock that escaped from his pen at High Park Zoo may be headed home.

The feathered fugitive was spotted near The Ace restaurant on Roncesvalles Avenue at about 3 p.m. Monday

"It came running along and went airbound onto a wall, then a roof," said Chris McGimsie, who laid eyes on the 13-pound bird. "It seemed a little skittish."

Nancy MacSween of the city's parks, forestry and recreation department confirmed they had received reports of the bird being in Roncesvalles, near Fermanagh Avenue.

The nameless peacock escaped

> **It definitely seemed like it was going home, toward the park.**
> Eyewitness Chris McGimsie

May 27. On Thursday, zoo staff were able to coax him back to High Park, but he escaped once again on Friday. He was not sighted all day Sunday.

There are five peacocks and eight peahens at High Park. They have escaped before but don't usually wander far. Experts guess this particular daredevil may have been looking for love.

Staff are working with animal services to make sure the peacock makes it back to the zoo. If people spot him, they should call 311 and avoid approaching the bird, since that could spook him. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The peacock was spotted in an alley Monday afternoon, close to his home at the zoo. COURTESY CHRIS MCGIMSIE

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NEWMARKET

Residents outraged after police kill bear

Local residents reacted furiously Monday when police shot dead a black bear in Newmarket after it wandered into a backyard on London Road.

York Regional Police arrived at the scene near Yonge Street and Davis Drive around 6 a.m. and managed to contain the bear to one garden, where it climbed up a tree.

Officers from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) were called, but the bear started climbing down the tree before they arrived. Police made the decision to shoot the bear out of concern for public safety.

"York's finest were out with all their toys — a helicopter and 25 cars, all the nonsense like usual," said London Road homeowner Randy Lalonde, 55, who witnessed the incident. "It was absolutely disgraceful. They were shouting and hitting batons near the bear, thinking they were going to scare it. They antagonized it and trapped it up a tree."

However, the owner of the home where the bear was shot, Irene Lethbridge, said "under no circumstances should the police be blamed." She added: "Where was the Ministry of Natural Resources? The police were here for probably three hours, they did their job marvelously."

In a press release, police said they considered using a Taser, but could not get close enough without compromising their safety in case the Taser was ineffective.

> **It was terrible. The police were firing shots in every direction and they're worried about my safety?**
> Resident Randy Lalonde

"The officers involved and York Regional Police regret the incident, but there were no other options," said Chief Eric Jolliffe.

He added that police are not equipped with tranquilizers or trained to contain wild animals. He said police will be following up with the MNR to improve the response to these types of incidents.

MNR spokesman Todd Lane said local police are always the first responders in emergency situations such as this one. "We were working with York Regional Police over the weekend, providing them with technical advice," he said.

He added that procedure dictates that ministry staff be contacted for on-site assistance only when the bear becomes stationary because "it's the best time to attempt to tranquilize the animal." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A York Regional Police officer takes aim at a black bear in a Newmarket backyard, Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS/GLOBALNEWS

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Hookah ban is culture 'attack'

BOARD OF HEALTH

Critics slam vote to make shisha illegal in businesses

Gilbert Ngabo
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Toronto is inching closer to banning the use of hookahs in licensed businesses.

The Board of Health voted Monday to recommend that city council make the ban effective on Oct. 1. The vote followed a report by medical officer of health David McKeown.

The report concluded that hookah use is on the rise among young people, and that smoking from them can cause health and safety issues.

Alex Saddiqi, who owns a downtown hookah bar and lounge, called the decision "ridiculous."

"It's something they want to do out of spite not because of health concerns," said Saddiqi, owner of 70 Down bar in Yorkville.

For him, there are plenty of other health problems the city could tackle.

"Why are we selling alcohol?" he said. "Nobody's going to smoke a hookah and get in the car and kill somebody."

He doesn't think banning hookahs will affect his business because people come to the lounge for more than that.

But, he considers it a "personal attack" on certain cultures. Hookah smoking has long been popular among people from Middle Eastern communities but has recently become trendy for people of all backgrounds.

Samira Mohyeddin, meanwhile, said the city should have taken action a long time ago. Hookahs are on offer in her restaurant and, largely, bring in teenage crowds.

> **"Nobody's going to smoke a hookah and get in the car and kill somebody."**
> Downtown hookah bar owner Alex Saddiqi

"I mean, I don't understand why people can't smoke cigarettes in public but they can smoke hookahs," she said.

It is, however, "ironic" that the ban is being discussed now that hookahs have hit the mainstream, she said.

"Nobody cared about the health of Arabs and middle easterners," she said. "But now that Mr. Bobby and Johnny are smoking it, it becomes a health hazard."

OCAD OFFICE 'VISUAL GATEWAY' INTO THE FUTURE The public had its first glimpse Monday of OCAD University's plans for its administrative offices at Dundas and McCaul streets. Dubbed the Rosalie Sharp Pavilion, the new building will be a hub for student programming and act "as a visual gateway to the OCAD University corridor" on McCaul, spokeswoman Christine Crosbie said. The building is being designed by Bortolotto Architects and will feature a "technologically responsive" covering that people can interact with using a mobile app as they pass. BORTOLOTTO ARCHITECTS

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Moncton haunted by killings

MOUNTIE SHOOTINGS

Trauma felt in neighbourhood one year later

When Nadege Bujold looks out her front window and on to her quiet residential street, she is still sometimes haunted by the memory of a dying RCMP officer slumping to the ground.

Bujold and her husband were on their back patio a year ago, enjoying a sultry June evening when the loud crackle of gunfire sounded out. At first, the pair thought little of it — perhaps a car backfired or kids set off fireworks.

But when neighbours began pouring onto the street, shouting that someone was shooting police, the 37-year-old raced inside and peered out her window. She soon saw a solitary figure walking calmly down the street, looking like "Rambo" and closing in on their home with a large gun.

At the end of a 70-second burst of gunfire, Bujold watched in horror as Const. Douglas Larche fell to the ground. Justin Bourque didn't break stride as he continued his march down Mailhot Avenue and into the woods.

It was 8:07 p.m. last June 4 and Larche had become the last of three Mounties murdered by Bourque in a 20-minute span in Moncton, N.B.

For Bujold, the drama seemed to play out in slow motion and occasionally comes back in unflinching detail.

> **There's a new level of awareness around the city of Moncton that it can happen anywhere ... It's still very daunting.**
> Moncton resident Millie Stewart

"That memory stayed there — you know, you can see him just pointing and shooting," she says in a thick French accent.

"I had a hard time those first weeks. We would go outside and try to move on because we have to, but I couldn't even turn my head and look that way.... It's awful. It's hard to move on."

A year after he killed the officers and wounded two others, people in the neighbourhoods Bourque terrorized say they think less often of his carnage — the blood on the streets, the injured and dying men, and cars riddled with bullets.

But for some, those moments stubbornly return as surreal, nightmarish memories.

Millie Stewart was rushing out the door to see her husband in hospital as her sister sat waiting in the driveway. She turned her head slightly and encountered Bourque, who is now 25, as he crossed the street toward her home.

"He just felt so close," she said. "He had the green army garb on and his rifle over his shoulder and he looked right into my eyes and said, 'No, I'm not out to kill civilians, just government officials.'"

Still, she remembers feeling he would shoot her in the back as she tried to walk away.

"He didn't even have a frightening-looking face, but the way he was dressed and his guns... I still thought he was going to kill whoever was in his sight."

She didn't see that Bourque simply walked on, nor did she realize just moments earlier he'd lined up fatal shots at Const. Dave Ross as the officer sped towards him.

She recalls praying that night, calling on her Christian faith to help her find calm as helicopters flew overhead.

Since that day she's had a heightened sense of the fragility of life.

"There's a new level of awareness around the city of Moncton that it can happen anywhere," she said. "It's still very daunting."

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The Ryder Trailer Park, where Justin Bourque lived in Moncton, N.B., is seen on April 22.
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DETAILS

Five things to know about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

The Truth and Reconciliation Commons examining Canada's now-defunct residential school system is scheduled to release its final report Tuesday. Here are five things to know about the commission:

1. The commission was established as part of the 2007 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, which also included money to pay for the commission's work.
2. The commission is led by Justice Murray Sinclair, Manitoba's first aboriginal justice. The other commissioners are Marie Wilson, a journalist, university lecturer and former senior manager at several Crown corporations; and Chief Wilton Littlechild, a lawyer and former Progressive Conservative MP.
3. The group is charged with collecting testimony from residential school survivors and compiling their stories into a historical record.
4. The records of the commission, including recollections from 6,200 former students, will be managed by the National Research Centre on Indian Residential Schools.
5. Residential schools operated for about 150 years, with an estimated 150,000 children spending time in them. At the height of the residential-school era, the government supported 130 such schools. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drummers pass Parliament Hill as they lead the Walk for Reconciliation, part of the closing events of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Sunday in Ottawa. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Let's commit to taking one more step together'

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

After report's release, many say more work still necessary

"We are all still here. We made it." For Romeo Saganash, that's the sentiment shared on the occasions when he gets together with fellow residential school survivors.

It's a sentiment that acknowledges the suffering endured by tens of thousands of aboriginal children, a suffering that many Canadians remain in the dark about. The country takes another step Tuesday toward confronting that dark chapter of its past when the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, headed by Justice Murray Sinclair, releases its findings.

For five years, the Commission has been compiling the story of residential schools, where thousands of aboriginal children were sent, stripped of contact with their families, in many cases denied a proper education and sometimes subjected to physical and sexual abuse.

At least 150,000 First Nation, Métis and Inuit youth went through the residential schools. An unknown number — estimated to be in the thousands — died while attending the schools.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt hailed the "extraordinary courage" of former students who came forward. He said the historical record compiled by the commission will stand as an "achievement of national significance." Yet he cautioned that work remains to be done.

"On this day, let's commit to taking one more step together," he said.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde called on governments — as well as all Canadians — to close the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples.

"It's going to be hard to focus on reconciliation when we still have things like poverty that plagues our people," Bellegarde said, highlighting lack of access to safe drinking water, overcrowded housing, the high number of children in provincial care, missing and murdered indigenous women and girls as among the ongoing challenges. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

VETERANS

Lawsuit on hold until after election

A long-running lawsuit, launched by veterans against the federal government, is off the docket until after the federal election, if not for good.

The two sides were in a Vancouver court Monday to agree to hit pause on the case until May 2016 to see what the impact is of the reforms the government has made to benefits for veterans in recent months.

Should the changes be to the satisfaction of the veterans who launched the suit in 2012, the case will be over, said the veterans' lawyer Don Sorochan.

A group of veterans had filed the class-action lawsuit to argue that modern-day soldiers were being discriminated against compared with those who fought in the world wars and in Korea. In their defence, government lawyers outraged veterans by asserting that the federal government has no extraordinary obligation to those who have fought for the country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

REACTION

The lawsuit has been a black eye for the Conservative government, which sees itself as a champion for former soldiers and the military.

Some groups had even threatened to campaign actively against the Conservatives during this fall's election campaign.

Virus hits South Korea

RESPIRATORY SYNDROME

Hundreds in isolation

More than 680 people in South Korea are isolated after having contact with patients infected with a virus that has killed hundreds of people in the Middle East, health officials said Monday.

South Korea has reported 17 cases of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome since diagnosing the country's first MERS illness last month in a man who had travelled to Saudi Arabia. South Korea's cases have connections to the first patient, either medical staff who treated him or patients who stayed near the man at the hospital before he was diagnosed and isolated.

Also, the son of one of the patients ignored doctor's orders to cancel a trip to China, where he was diagnosed as that country's first MERS case last week. China isolated the South Korean man at a hospital, and Hong Kong authorities said Sunday that 18 travellers were being quarantined because they sat near him, but they were not showing symptoms.

An unidentified Chinese tourist, wearing a mask to protect herself against the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome virus, visits Gyeongbok Palace in Seoul, South Korea, Monday.
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South Korean Health Ministry official Kwon Jun-wook told reporters Monday that 682 people who had close contact with the patients, such as their family members and their medical staff, were isolated at their homes or state-run facilities to prevent the spread of the disease.

Ministry officials said the number could rise.

MERS was discovered in 2012 and has mostly been centred in Saudi Arabia. It belongs to the family of coronaviruses that includes the common cold and SARS, and can cause fever, breathing problems, pneumonia and kidney failure.

The virus has spread primarily through contact with camels, but it can also spread from human fluids and droplets.

There have been 1,167 cases of the virus worldwide and 479 of the patients have died, according to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIFA SCANDAL

Mbeki denies bribe paid for World Cup

Former South African President Thabo Mbeki denied his government paid bribes to secure the 2010 World Cup as the bid scandal began to encroach on the very top of the country's leadership on Monday.

"I wish to state that the government that I had the privilege to lead would never have paid any bribe even if it were solicited," Mbeki said in a statement from his office.

Mbeki was president at the time of South Africa's successful bid in 2004.

His denial came as South African soccer head and former 2010 bid leader Danny Jordaan reportedly told a newspaper that $10 million was paid to former FIFA vice-president Jack Warner's regional confederation in 2008.

According to the Sunday Independent newspaper, Jordaan denied that money — referred to in the U.S. Department of Justice's indictment into corruption in FIFA — was a bribe from South Africa via FIFA for Warner's backing. Instead, Jordaan said it was to help Warner — implicated in a series of corruption allegations in the DOJ investigation into FIFA — with soccer development in his region, the newspaper reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Kerry heads home from Iran talks for surgery
Secretary of State John Kerry headed home Monday to Boston from Geneva, Switzerland, for surgery on his broken leg, as U.S. officials insisted that his injury would not hinder his participation in nuclear negotiations with Iran. With an end-of-June deadline for an Iranian deal fast approaching, the 71-year-old Kerry left Geneva aboard a U.S. military plane accompanied by his orthopedic surgeon and additional medical personnel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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TECHNOLOGY

Mainstream firms bringing VR to home video products

Virtual reality is creeping into our world.

Once seen as a tool for alien-blasting gamers, movie studios, television producers and artists are now adopting the technology, which immerses people in faraway realms using bulky goggles, house-sized domes, and smartphones.

Universal's Focus Features recently launched its first virtual-reality experience for movies, promoting the upcoming release of its Insidious: Chapter 3 horror flick. It's driving a truck around the United States, inviting fans to wear virtual-reality goggles. It's also sent out thousands of movie-branded Google Cardboard kits, which fold around smartphones to turn them into primitive VR viewers.

VR remains the realm of promotion. But content created now or for future films could also build value for home video products as more VR headsets are sold, says Matt Lipson, senior vice-president of digital marketing at Focus Features.

And the number of outlets for virtual reality is increasing.

Oculus VR, the company Facebook bought for $2 billion US and a leader in the VR headset market, is expected to start shipping a consumer version early next year. Samsung, meanwhile, is selling Gear VR, which works with Galaxy S6 smartphones. Sony will release a consumer version of its Project Morpheus, which connects to its PlayStation 4, in the first half of next year.

Facebook is testing what CEO Mark Zuckerberg calls "spherical video," or a flat representation of immersive content that could be navigable by mouse on its website. Google's YouTube launched support for "360-degree video" on Chrome browsers and Android phones in March and is providing VR camera rigs for its partners at its six studios. Fold-up Google Cardboard units can be bought online for as little as $2.46.

One virtual frontier to cross is creating environments for groups, not just individuals, in the same way that theatres provide a community experience. That possibility was tested out recently when eight art school students gathered under a dome in downtown Los Angeles. They were preparing an immersive show projected on a 19-foot-high hemisphere.

It's all part of creating a new cinematic language that doesn't just play out on the screen in front of you, but is interactive and immersive, said Prof. Hillary Kapan, who put on the class for the California Institute of the Arts.

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California Institute of the Arts students lie on the floor while watching a student project at the Vortex Dome in Los Angeles. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **We're just in the beginning stages of understanding.**
> Prof. Hillary Kapan

IN BRIEF

Google sets up simpler privacy control hub

Google is making its privacy controls easier to find and understand in an attempt to make its more than one billion users more comfortable about the personal information they provide. The simpler approach that debuted Monday features a redesigned "My Account" hub where all of Google's key privacy controls can be found. A new site at http://privacy.google.com will address a variety of issues in a question-and-answer format.

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New CEO says Malaysia Airlines will recover

Malaysia Airlines' new CEO Christoph Mueller said the "technically bankrupt" carrier could break even by 2018 after it cuts 6,000 of its 20,000 staff, sells two of its A380 super jumbo jets and refurbishes its international fleet. The remaining 14,000 employees have been offered jobs in a new company that is being set up to take over the legacy Malaysia Airlines business. The airline is being kept alive by an injection of funds from a Malaysian government sovereign wealth fund.

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QUEBEC

Tobacco firms ordered to pay smokers $15 billion

A judge has awarded more than $15 billion to Quebec smokers in a landmark case that pitted them against three Canadian cigarette giants, an anti-tobacco lobby group said Monday.

Superior Court Justice Brian Riordan's decision was made public late Monday following years of testimony and another six months of deliberations, the Quebec Council on Tobacco and Health said in a statement.

The case marked the first time tobacco companies have gone to trial in a civil suit in this country and involved two separate groups of plaintiffs: some who became seriously ill from smoking and others who said they couldn't quit.

The plaintiffs included just over one million Quebecers who argued the companies were liable because they knew they were putting out a harmful product and hid the health effects of tobacco.

The $17.8-billion lawsuit was believed to be the biggest class-action ever seen in Canada.

Two of the big tobacco firms — JTI-Macdonald and Imperial Tobacco — reacted immediately and said they'll appeal the decision. The third is Rothmans, Benson & Hedges.

The industry argued people knew about the risks of smoking and that the products were sold legally and with federal government approval and strict regulation. JTI-Macdonald said Canadians have been well aware of the health risks since the 1950s and health warnings have been on packages for more than 40 years.

"We believe there are strong grounds for appeal and we will continue to defend our rights," said Tamara Gitto, vice-president law and general counsel for Imperial Tobacco.

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BACKGROUND

Trial stems from 2 cases originally filed in 1998

Cecilia Letourneau filed on behalf of the province's smokers who were addicted to nicotine and remained addicted or who died without quitting.

The other case was filed by the late Jean-Yves Blais; it sought compensatory and punitive damages for smokers who'd suffered from cancer in their lungs, larynx or throat, or emphysema.

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Glyn Bowerman

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If John Tory wants to be a city builder, he should learn from people who build cities.

Jan Gehl is one of those people. A world renowned Danish architect, consultant, professor and author, Gehl is the person cities call on to help usher them into the future. He briefly taught at the University of Toronto, where he will receive an honorary degree next month.

"I think that in the case of Toronto, it's so obvious that ugly obstacle between the city and the lake should have gone down many, many years before, because it is obsolete," Gehl says of the Gardiner. "It is anachronistic, and in modern city planning we would never have voted for such an elevated highway in that position, between a famous city and a famous lake."

Gehl says cars will use whatever roads are provided. This means more roads and highways lead to more people driving. Fewer roads and highways, the addition of congestion charges or anything that makes people rethink whether they need to get behind the wheel — if there is a sensible alternative — will lessen congestion.

While in New York City, working on the massively successful (though initially criticized) pedestrianization of Broadway, Gehl says a traffic planner told him every city's level of traffic depends on how much asphalt exists.

"If New York had had two more avenues, it would have 20 per cent more traffic, and everybody would think that that level of service was given by God. But if New York, from the outset, had two less avenues, it would have 20 per cent less traffic and everybody would think that was given by God."

Gehl also points out research that indicates driving in Canada, the United States and Australia has levelled off. Far fewer driver's licences are being issued to the latest generation compared to the last. Driving, essentially, is on the decline.

It's clear, listening to esteemed planners like Gehl, that the hybrid option for the Gardiner is a step backward. It would serve an outdated planning model and postwar world where car was king.

The hybrid option ... would serve an outdated planning model and postwar world where car was king.

"We can not use present-day traffic as the yardstick, because when suddenly conditions are changed, the yardstick will be changed."

"These discussions have been all over, and there will always be a conservative party who can't see that anything could change — that, of course, we will continue to drive as much cars as we've always done."

"I think it's time to move now."

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metroview

Down with singlism: One-person families are the new normal

Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton

Thanks to singlism, is it any wonder I've become an amateur therapist?

After all, I'm recently single and dating. And by that stroke, at 37, I'm again part of the singleton trend: the expanding army of those who, by choice, divorce, mental health challenge, bereavement or other circumstance, walk in the door at night and greet (as in my case) a cat, or a dog, a television, an iPad — whatever it may be — as long as it's not another human.

This is not just a trend. Hipster beards are a trend. The singleton is a full-scale shift to a new normal. And therein is the problem: part of the rise of the singleton is the rise of singlism, a pervasive form of discrimination that is finally visible to many. But it isn't new. I've been living with singlism my entire life.

The U.S. is home to 90 million unmarried people and 150 million who live in one-person households. Most singletons are under-35 millennials or seniors who have lost a spouse.

Which brings me back to amateur therapy. It's unsurprising that dating similarly aged single women includes a lot of counselling. Many have tried to satisfy societal expectations: long-term relationships, kids, marriages, only for it all to shatter. While objectively happier single, subjectively they feel ashamed.

Here's why I'm not surprised: living alone is easy. Being told by society you're wrong, weird or missing out? Less so.

Author Bella DePaulo coined "singlism" a few years back. It's pervasive in tax policy, coffee-shop conversation, popular culture and deeply held beliefs. Consider what you would think if you encountered a never-married 37-year-old man. Selfish? Childish? Immature? Incomplete? Lonely? That's singlism, folks.

Don't worry, I'm used to it all. I've been single a lot in my 30s, and I'm an only child, too, the other kind of singleton that gets you labelled a weirdo.

To cope, I challenge singlism in a playful way. To friends having their first child, I ask if they'll stop at one. Despite their being busy, broke or unhappy, their answer is always no — "They need a playmate." Funny, I tell them, since only children, like adult singletons, are becoming the norm.

Also funny is while this happens, a 2015 Pew study shows Americans' "ideal family" size has shrunk: 48 per cent of respondents said two children is ideal. But get this: while only children are everywhere, only three per cent of respondents said one child was ideal — just larger than the two per cent who said no children at all.

I see this as proof social expectations and beliefs lag a generation behind social realities. Singletons are the reality. Singlism is the next discrimination that needs to go.

Rosemary Westwood will return Wednesday.

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MUSIC

Mutek brings best of techno to Montreal

Jesse Ship
For Metro Life

Californian transgender techno artist Rrose sits in a skin-tone bodysuit in a box while passers-by gawk in Montreal's cosmopolitan Place Des Arts.

Just inside, Japanese multidisciplinary artist and choreography Hiroaki Umeida dances wildly on stage in front of a pixelated snowstorm as part of his Holistic Strata performance.

The act is moving and surreal: The eye is drawn into the chaotic display as his body is jolted with electric stabs of a DSL modem gone haywire.

Welcome to a snapshot of the Mutek festivities, a five-day celebration of electronic music and audio-visual art installations, which just wrapped its 16th year on Sunday.

While EDM has become the hottest genre in the last few years and has only begun to crack the mainstream, Mutek has been exploring the business of techno music for more than a decade.

Techno acts like Berlin's Lucy and abstract visuals of Robin Fox and Atom™ stole last Thursday night's shows using a combination of drones, synths and moving tones to induce personal catharsis.

Friday night at the Metropolis is dominated by thundering mechanical techno with live performances from Berlin's Berghain super-club resident, Steffi.

"It's rare that something is curated this way," said John Tejada, L.A.-based 20-year veteran techno DJ, producer and what you call a seasoned "gear head" in music production circles.

"Mostly at festivals you get a field or sandy areas and different stages. There's not many even in Europe where things are so overhyped and you have a mixture of different venues."

Mutek is an unofficial kick-off to Montreal's festival season, attracting electronic music pilgrims from as far as Europe and the U.S. The on-vacation attitude dominates as fans dress to feel as comfortable and colourful as they wish.

Mutek is very much an urban festival in that attendees travel between well-kept venues like the Metropolis, a converted movie theatre turned music venue or the two story Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal (MAC).

The neighbouring Théatre Maisonneuve in the Place Des Arts was also integral part of this year's Mutek.

Avant-garde composer Tyondai Braxton, who collaborates with Philip Glass, unveiled his HIVE1 performance there early Saturday evening as part of the A/VISIONS series.

"The mixture of venues makes it really interesting. You're not bouncing around stages — you have big variety and a unique look to every venue," said DJ Tejada, who often feels the grind of the jet-set life as a touring performer.

"You're not waiting an hour for a port-a-potty or drink tickets. It's civilized. I feel like I'm on vacation."

If you don't recognize any of the names of the artists, that's OK. Music discovery is a part of the Mutek mission said Montreal's Juno-nominated Poirier who has performed a handful of times since 2002 under his name as well as his other project, Boundary.

"Even for me, there's always stuff I don't know," he said. "My friend was complaining that there were no big names he recognized, but I told him, 'This isn't about names, this is about discovering new music.'

"People trust the festival, they are excited and understand the privilege to be able to see new acts, or ones they've never heard of."

Inside the EDM scene

A Mutek show at the Musée d'art contemporain. RUNG DUNG NGUYEN/MUTEK

HOT ACTS

One to watch: Patricia (pictured)
Chicago's Max Ravitz's current incarnation has seen his name rise, thanks in part to his debut EP Body Issues.

The Local: Poirier aka Boundary
Poirier is a product of Montreal, and his fascination with Caribbean and African music has seeped into his experimental reggae and dance-hall interpretations.

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ACTION BRONSON

Can you ban an artist for something they might say?

SOUND CHECK
Alan Cross

Because I was travelling, I missed the debate on whether rapper Action Bronson should perform a free public show during NXNE in Toronto.

By the time I got home, it was settled: a petition against Branson's violent and misogynist lyrics had scuttled the gig.

This whole thing left me unsettled and confused. While I understand all the objections to the things Branson raps about, I was also annoyed at the censorship side of it all. Is this an example of mob rule? Or did the public rise up and demand that decency be protected in a public space?

So I did what I always do when I wander into the weeds in these sorts of debates: I asked my wife. I can always trust her to tell me when I'm being an idiot — and because her second favourite f-word is "feminist."

"Should Action Bronson be allowed to perform at NXNE?" I ask.

She shrugged. "Sure. Why not?"

"But his lyrics!" I sputtered. "They're vile and awful. They just feed into the misogyny women have to deal with every day and the notion of rape culture. Shouldn't there be a line drawn somewhere?"

"People are missing the point," she said. "The real issue here is the venue. Yonge-Dundas Square, a publicly funded space that has specific policies in place and has a right to exercise them. This isn't a pure free speech issue. We'd probably have the same conversation if Eminem, Marilyn Manson or any other controversial performer were booked into the square.

"But if Action Bronson were being banned from performing anywhere at NXNE, THAT would be a problem. But if he's got a gig inside a private venue that has its own policies and standards — well, fill yer boots. And if someone hears something they consider hate speech, they're free to make a complaint."

She continued. "Here's the problem. AB was banned because of something he might have performed — even though he hasn't performed the material at the heart of this controversy on this tour. It was a pre-emptive strike against someone many people hate."

"Now consider this. If you can shut down Action Bronson for the things he might say about women, couldn't you shout down a theoretical YDS performance by Amy Schumer for any offensive things she might say about men?"

Wise woman, my wife.

SCANDAL

J Lo's outfit offends in Morocco

Morocco's Mawazine music festival opened this weekend to record crowds — with 160,000 attendees on the first night alone, according to organizers — and no little controversy.

Local media criticized opening night act Jennifer Lopez for her "suggestive poses" and for being "scantily" dressed.

Government spokesman Mustapha Khalfi, a member of the Islamist Justice and Development party, strongly denounced the concert's live broadcast on state television.

"What was broadcast is unacceptable and goes against broadcasting law," Khalfi wrote on Twitter.

The festival runs until June 6 and will see live performances by international acts such as Sean Paul, Avicii, Placebo, Akon, Sting, Usher and Maroon 5.

AFP

IN BRIEF

Will Drake become the voice of iTunes Radio?

Drake, Pharrell Williams and David Guetta are reportedly in talks to make appearances as guest DJs for iTunes Radio.

According to The New York Post, Apple is trying to woo Drake with a $19 million deal.

Apple has been working on revamping the free streaming service with Zane Lowe, a former BBC Radio 1 DJ. AFP

Enrique Iglesias undergoing hand surgery

Enrique Iglesias is undergoing reconstructive hand surgery in Los Angeles after his fingers were sliced during a concert in Tijuana, Mexico, on Saturday.

Iglesias cut his fingers grabbing a drone during the show, part of his Love and Sex World Tour.

"Enrique will resume his tour July 3rd in Mexico City," a statement read.

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Our social network anxieties

FRIENDSHIP

Building a new circle of friends takes time and focus

URBAN ETIQUETTE

Ellen Vanstone

After moving to a new town, it's important to evaluate potential friendships before jumping into them. ISTOCK IMAGES

Dear Ellen,
I just moved to town and I am attending a new school. I am finding it difficult to make new friends as it is late in the year and everyone has already established their friend groups. How should I go about finding people to hang out with? – Abbey

Dear Abbey,
I feel for you — you're in a tough situation that may not have a quick fix. The good news is that you're blessed with an understanding of human behaviour, which augurs well for great friendships to come. You can see there are tons of potential friends right in front of you — but that even nice people are creatures of habit. They find their groove and settle into it, and it might take time to work your way into their established social scene.

In the meantime, make the situation work for you. As an outsider, you have a unique opportunity to observe the groups and friendships around you. Take this time to figure out who the quality people are and which of them measures up to your level of insight and intelligence. You can also use this time to figure out what *you* are truly interested in — pursue your interests with a passion and you'll inevitably connect with like-minded souls.

Good luck, and let us know what happens!

To Lisa, who wrote in to say it's difficult to make introductions when you forget the other person's name:

Excellent point. I still cringe at the times I've gotten some people's names totally wrong. If you can't remember the other person's name, simply cut the conversation short and move on without making any introductions. Alternatively, train your friends to jump in and do it for you — i.e., if you're with one friend and you run into a new person, nudge your friend to introduce themselves as well as ask the new person: "And what's your name?" If all else fails, you can always resort to honesty: "Hey, sorry, I'm having a brain freeze — what's your name again?"

To Lada, who wrote in to ask if you should introduce friends or family passing by in the background while you're on a Skype call:

If your onscreen friend can see other people lurking behind you, and if those people are listening in or distracting either one of you, then yes, it's more polite to introduce them. Even if the background friends/family/roommates are obnoxious busybodies, it's still nicer for your Skype friend to know who they are so that he or she can now ignore them personally.

Need advice? Email Ellen at scene@metronews.ca

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World, meet Caitlyn Jenner

COMING OUT

Bruce Jenner transformed on Vanity Fair cover for July

> **Caitlyn doesn't have any secrets ... I'm free.**
> Bruce Jenner

Bruce Jenner's transition is complete.

"Call me Caitlyn," declares a headline on the July cover of Vanity Fair, with a photo of a long-haired Jenner in a strapless corset, legs crossed, sitting on a stool. The image was shot by famed celeb photographer Annie Leibovitz. Inside, more images depict Caitlyn in gold lame, a black bustier and a cleavage-baring, off-the-shoulder gown.

Caitlyn Jenner also debuted a new Twitter account with: "I'm so happy after such a long struggle to be living my true self. Welcome to the world Caitlyn. Can't wait for you to get to know her/me." In about three hours, the account had more than 860,000 followers.

According to the magazine, which took to Twitter with the cover Monday, Jenner spoke emotionally about her gender journey: "If I was lying on my deathbed and I had kept this secret and never ever did anything about it, I would be lying there saying, 'You just blew your entire life."'

The cover photo was shot at Jenner's Malibu, California, home and comes on the heels of her two-hour ABC interview with Diane Sawyer in which Bruce Jenner confirmed the transition. The much-anticipated "20/20" interview on April 24 was watched by more than 17.1 million viewers.

Prior to the unveiling of Caitlyn, Jenner had said he preferred the pronoun "he," but Vanity Fair contributing editor Buzz Bissinger, who wrote the story, refers to "she."

The Olympian who married and divorced reality show "momager" Kris Jenner has appeared for years on "Keeping Up with the Kardashians." Jenner's own still-untitled docuseries chronicling her transition is scheduled for the same network, E!, beginning July 26.

"Caitlyn doesn't have any secrets," Jenner narrates. "As soon as the Vanity Fair cover comes out, I'm free."

Bissinger, the "Friday Night Lights" Pulitzer Prize winner, said in the lengthy magazine story that he had unfettered access to Jenner, both before her transition and after.

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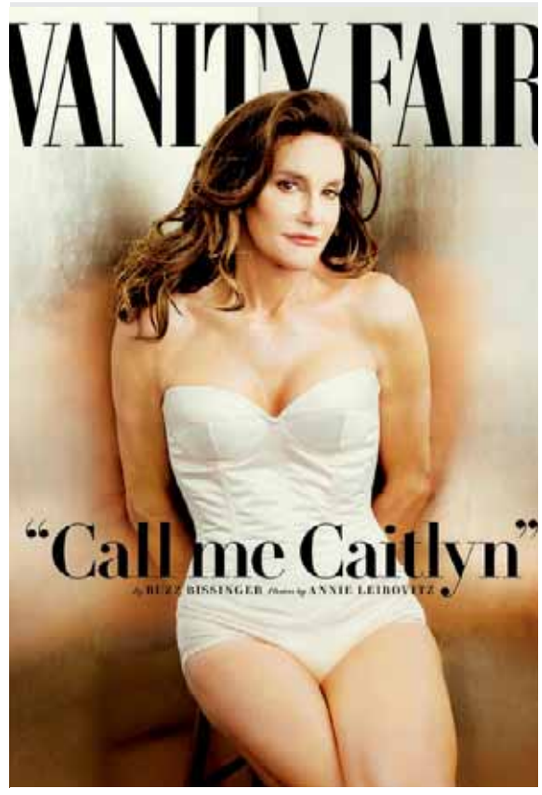

Bruce Jenner, sporting long hair and a strapless swimsuit, poses for the cover of Vanity Fair's July issue.

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Fifty shades of passé

Assuming you're not completely sick of all things Fifty Shades of Grey-related just yet, author E.L. James is eager to keep trying. James announced that she's releasing a new version of the Twilight-inspired bestseller later this month that retells the story from Christian Grey's point of view. So, American Psycho — but with less murder.

"Christian is a complex character," James says in a statement.

"And readers have always been fascinated by his desires and motivations and his troubled past. Also, as anyone who has ever been in a relationship knows, there are two sides to every story."

We really should have seen this coming, honestly, since Stephenie Meyer did it with Twilight — retelling the story from Edward Cullen's perspective in Midnight Sun. I can't wait to not read it.

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CELEBRITY FAMILY

Clooney's baby-ready

George Clooney finally — finally! — addressed that whole babies question that's been plaguing him at just about every stop on his Tomorrowland press tour. And the verdict? He and new bride Amal Clooney are totally up for kids. Eventually. German newspaper Bild finally got him to talk — asking quite directly if he and Amal were interested in starting a family. "Yes, but we're taking our time," George responded.

Not to put too fine a point on it, but maybe if old Georgie had offered up this revelation prior to the film's release, Tomorrowland might've done better.

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GOSSIP BRIEFS

What's in a Kimye baby name?

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West are having another baby, and it's only partially to boost ratings for Keeping up with the Kardashians. Now, of course, comes the tough part: predicting the baby's name. Obviously the smart money is on South (if it's a boy) or Mid (if it's a girl), but I thought I'd offer up some alternative ideas for what to dub Baby No. 2 by firing up the old Random Baby Name Generator one more time:

- East Meets
- Kim Jr.
- Selfie
- The Other North
- Hillary Rodham
- Baby™

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Kim and her daughter North West. GETTY IMAGES

Mad Max Barbie doll hits eBay

There's enough time before the holiday shopping season for Mattel to seize on this idea, but if you want a Barbie doll version of Imperator Furiosa — Charlize Theron's badass Mad Max: Fury Road character — there's only one place to go: eBay. There's only one doll in existence — currently being auctioned off by the artist who crafted it — and oh man, is it a cool-looking toy! So, as they say, how much would you pay? Bidding closes Friday, so think fast. NED EHRBAR/METRO

A hand-crafted doll version of Imperator Furiosa. GETTY IMAGES

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Defending champ Maria Sharapova lost to Lucie Safarova at the French Open

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IN BRIEF

Zuccarello speaks on his four days as a mute

New York Rangers forward Mats Zuccarello could not speak for four days after being hit in the head by a shot in the opening round of the NHL playoffs and sustaining a small skull fracture and some bleeding.

Three days after the Rangers lost Game 7 of the Eastern Conference final to the Tampa Bay Lightning, Zuccarello discussed his injury for the first time on Monday.

"I couldn't talk for a while, had a contusion, some blood in my brain. That affects a lot. Now I go to speech therapy. I'm getting much better. I couldn't say a word for four days. I feel much better," Zuccarello said.

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Glen Abbey pegged for 2016 Canadian Open, too

Scott Simmons, the chief executive officer of Golf Canada, announced Monday that the PGA Tour's RBC Canadian Open will be held at Glen Abbey in Oakville for a second consecutive year in 2016.

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Rising Canadian Wiggins to face Raptors in Ottawa

The Toronto Raptors will get an early look Vaughan's Andrew Wiggins before the upcoming NBA season.

Wiggins and the Minnesota Timberwolves play twice in the four-game preseason series, including a meeting with the Raptors at Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa on Oct. 14.

The Timberwolves will also face the Chicago Bulls at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg on Oct. 10.

The other games have Toronto facing the Los Angeles Clippers in Vancouver on Oct. 4 and the Raptors playing Washington Oct. 23 in Montreal.

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NBA rookie of the year Andrew Wiggins GETTY IMAGES

Women's soccer world is only getting bigger

WORLD CUP

Canada Soccer goes from green rookies to hosts in 20 years

Saturday's World Cup opener will bring back memories for Sylvie Beliveau.

It marks 20 years to the day that Canada, coached by Beliveau, made its World Cup debut in a 3-2 loss to England. Goals by Helen Stoumbos in the 87th minute and Geri Donnelly in the 91st made for a wild ending at the Olympia Stadium in Helsingborg, Sweden.

Times have changed at the women's showcase tournament. The World Cup is bigger, better and far more high-profile. The Canadian women are paid to play soccer.

There are 24 teams instead of the 12 in 1995.

This summer's first-round schedule sees Canada play games June 6, 11 and 15, far more forgiving than 20 years ago.

Back in 1995, Canada's tournament was over by June 11 and the whole competition lasted just 14 days. The Canadian women played three games in five days which included making a 725-kilometre train ride overnight from Helsingborg to Gavle.

Beliveau, who today is the Canadian Soccer Association's long-term player-development manager, still marvels at the schedule.

"Those women never complained," said Beliveau, who was 31 and the only female head coach at the '95 tournament. "They lived it, because it was their top competition — a moment in life that you don't want to miss."

Canada, giving up two second-half goals, tied Nigeria 3-3 before being thumped 7-0 by Even Pellerud's Norway. Pellerud went on to coach Canada at two World Cups.

Canada failed to advance out of the first round at a tournament still in its infancy.

FIFA listed the attendance for the Nigeria game at 250, with 655 on hand for the England contest and 2,715 for the Norway match.

"We were walking down the streets and people would go 'Who are you? What's happening in our country?' People didn't even know," said Beliveau.

Canada failed to qualify for the inaugural 12-team World Cup in 1991.

The 1995 Canadian roster included Isabelle Morneau, just 19 at the time, as well as Stoumbos, Donnelly, Charmaine Hooper, Andrea Neil, Michelle Ring, Janine Wood, Joan McEachern, Angela Kelly and Silvana Burtini.

Today, Beliveau and those 10 players are in Canada's Soccer Hall of Fame.

"I'm so happy for them," Beliveau said of those players. "Because they played the game at a moment where they were still establishing a status for the women's game."

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THE FUTURE

This could be the tournament she becomes the best midfielder in the world. We've told her that.

Coach John Herdman after Sophie Schmidt's goal gave Canada 1-0 win over England in a friendly on Friday in Hamilton.

Schmidt's 24th-minute strike was a right-footed one-timer on the edge of the penalty box. The Canadian women head to Edmonton on Tuesday in advance of Saturday's World Cup opener against China in Group A.

42,000

Canada will break a record without kicking a ball. The 42,000 tickets already sold for Saturday's World Cup opener at Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium between Canada and China erases the previous mark of 29,953 for a women's 'A' international on home soil.

CORRUPTION SCANDAL

Report pegs FIFA's Valcke at centre of $10M bribe

A report says the high-ranking FIFA official who allegedly made a $10-million payment central to a U.S. probe into soccer corruption is believed to be Sepp Blatter's right-hand man, Jerome Valcke.

The New York Times reported late Monday that U.S. law enforcement officials believe Valcke, FIFA's secretary general, transferred the money in 2008 to accounts controlled by Jack Warner, the former CONCACAF president and FIFA vice-president who faces corruption charges in the U.S. The report cited unidentified law enforcement officials.

SKIPPING OUT

FIFA announced earlier Monday that Valcke had cancelled his planned trip to attend the opening of the Women's World Cup in Vancouver on Saturday "due to the current situation."

U.S. investigators believe the money was paid as a bribe in exchange for Warner and others voting to give the 2010 World Cup to South Africa.

The Times said Valcke said in an email that he did not authorize the payment and did not have the power to do so. A FIFA statement said the payment was authorized by the then-finance committee chairman, per FIFA regulations. The chairman, Julio Grondona, died last year.

The payment is at the heart of a probe that led to seven FIFA members arrested last week and a total of 14 people named in a racketeering indictment accusing soccer officials of accepting more than $150 million in bribes.

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FIFA president Sepp Blatter, left, shakes hands with secretary general Jerome Valcke on Friday in Zurich.

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Keith's 'kind of a freak'

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Blackhawks piling ice time on star defenceman

Duncan Keith says he's not tired.

As much as he's playing in the playoffs, it's possible to get tired just watching him.

The Chicago Blackhawks' top defenceman has skated over an hour more than the next closest player for a total of 537 minutes through the first three rounds. If Keith keeps playing 31:36 a game, he'll have the highest average ice time since the NHL and the Elias Sports Bureau began keeping track in 1998.

537

The amount of time in minutes Keith has played through three rounds in the playoffs

Keith is on pace to play more than 600 minutes this post-season, a feat that has been accomplished only 31 previous times since 1998 and twice already by him. A third would put him ahead of elite company that includes Chris Pronger and Scott Niedermayer.

"He's kind of a freak as far as his metabolism and conditioning level," coach Joel Quenneville said during the Western Conference final. "Just certain guys genetically, aerobically, anaerobically, they can sustain it."

That's a common theme for minute-munching defencemen who have taken on a heavy burden on the way to the Cup final.

"I think that you get used to it," said Derian Hatcher, who averaged almost 28 minutes a game for the Dallas Stars in 2000. "I think when you're used to it and when you're conditioned to it, it's not a big deal at all. You kind of expect it."

Part of the expectation is on Keith, given the Blackhawks' lack of reliable depth on defence. Quenneville leans heavily on the 31-year-old Norris Trophy winner, Niklas Hjalmarsson (26:34 a game), Brent Seabrook (26:21) and Johnny Oduya (25:23).

After beating the Anaheim Ducks in Game 7 of the West final, Keith said he didn't think any player was tired this time of year. The excitement of facing the Tampa Bay Lightning in the Stanley Cup final is enough energy for the Blackhawks' Energizer Bunny.

If Keith continues playing more than 31 minutes a game, he'll approach or surpass Nicklas Lidstrom's average ice time of 31:10 from the Detroit Red Wings' 2002 Cup run. If the series goes seven games and he keeps this up, he'll pass Los Angeles Kings defenceman Drew Doughty's total ice time of 747:33 from last year.

"Keith is a guy who knows how to manage his minutes well," said Lightning defenceman Matt Carle, who averaged 25 minutes a night for the 2010 Philadelphia Flyers. "You watch him play, he skates pretty effortlessly. But I've got to think it's been taking a toll on his body."

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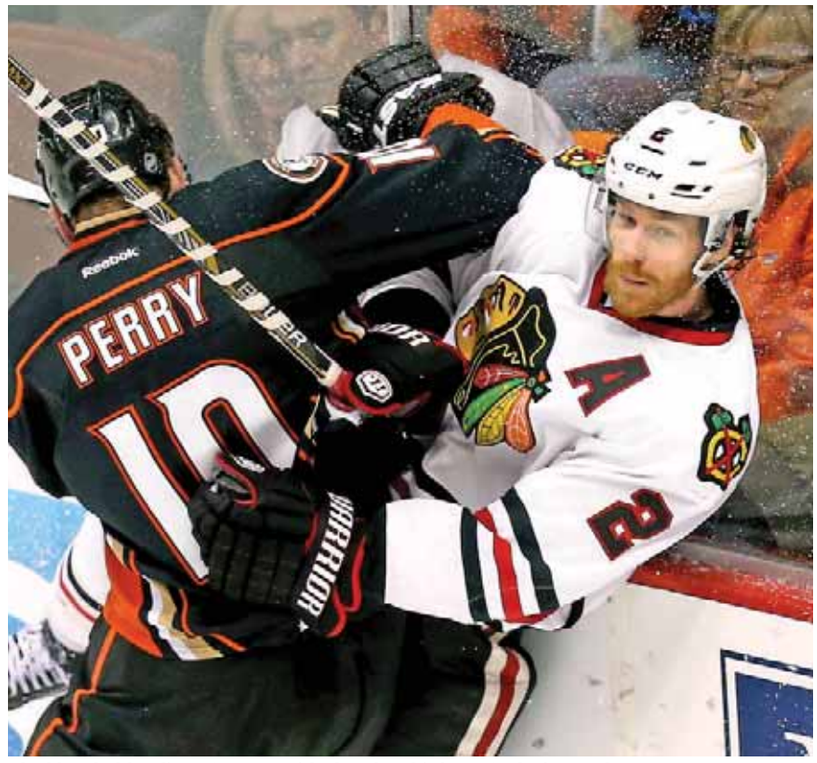

Blackhawks blue-liner Duncan Keith absorbs a hit from Ducks forward Corey Perry on Saturday night during Game 7 of the Western Conference final in Anaheim. STEPHEN DUNN/GETTY IMAGES

> **"I'm sure we're going to try to make him work as much as possible and try to tire him out as much as we can.**
> Lightning defenceman Matt Carle

WHO'S NEXT?

Lightning's playoff path has them ready for 'Hawks

The Tampa Bay Lightning were constantly reminded this post-season of what they hadn't done.

This version of the Lightning hadn't won a playoff game, let alone a series, knew nothing about Game 7 pressure and ventured into uncharted territory in the conference final.

Along the way, the young Lightning became the first team since 1998 to reach the Stanley Cup final after being swept the previous year and the first in NHL history to defeat three Original Six teams to get to this point. After already knocking off the Detroit Red Wings, Montreal Canadiens and New York Rangers, they can add another if they beat the Chicago Blackhawks and raise the Cup.

More than history, though, the Lightning picked up valuable lessons over the first three rounds that make them more prepared to take on Chicago, which Steven Stamkos called "the ultimate beast."

"This is the biggest challenge yet," Stamkos said Monday after practice at Amalie Arena. "You grow as a team throughout each round, you learn a lot about this group, the adversities we've had to overcome, the great players that we've played along the way and have overcome." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Conn Smythe Trophy front-runners

A year ago "Mr. Game 7" Justin Williams recorded two goals and five assists in the Stanley Cup final to earn the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP. A handful of players could emerge from the pack to do the same this year. Here is a look some of the candidates with odds from online betting site Bodog.

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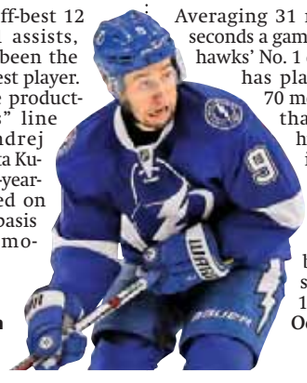
1 TYLER JOHNSON

With a playoff-best 12 goals and 21 assists, Johnson has been the Lightning's best player. Centre of the productive "Triplets" line between Ondrej Palat and Nikita Kucherov, the 24-year-old has scored on a consistent basis and in big moments.
Odds: 4-1



Tyler Johnson
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2 DUNCAN KEITH

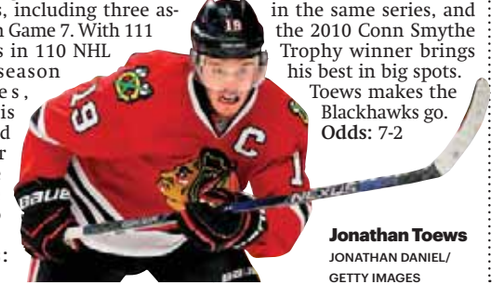
Averaging 31 minutes 35 seconds a game, the Blackhawks' No. 1 defenceman has played almost 70 more minutes than the next highest player in the playoffs. He's also far and away the top blue-line scorer with 18 points.
Odds: 5-1

3 PATRICK KANE

The 2013 Conn Smythe Trophy winner had seven points in Chicago's Western Conference final against the Anaheim Ducks, including three assists in Game 7. With 111 points in 110 NHL post-season games, Kane is primed for more in the Cup final.
Odds: 9-2

4 JONATHAN TOEWS

Toews became the first player in Stanley Cup playoff history to have multiple goals in Games 5 and 7 on the road in the same series, and the 2010 Conn Smythe Trophy winner brings his best in big spots. Toews makes the Blackhawks go.
Odds: 7-2



Jonathan Toews
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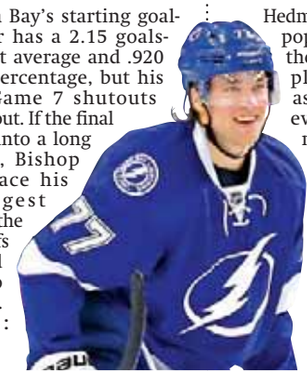
5 BEN BISHOP

Tampa Bay's starting goaltender has a 2.15 goals-against average and .920 save percentage, but his two Game 7 shutouts stand out. If the final turns into a long series, Bishop will face his strongest test of the playoffs and have to pass it.
Odds: 5-1

6 VICTOR HEDMAN

Hedman's numbers don't pop off the page, but the big defenceman's play has improved as the playoffs have evolved. The Lightning don't need him to be a 30-minute man, but his 23 a game are some of the best in hockey right now.
Odds: 35-1



Victor Hedman
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How Akron produced two great talents

NBA FINALS

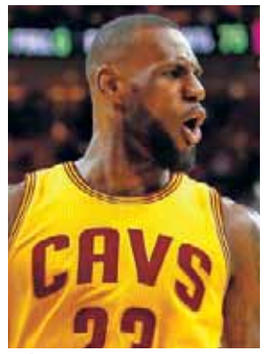
Stars James and Curry both bounced out of Rubber Capital

Welcome to Akron, Ohio, the rubber capital of the world. This is where car tires first rolled, the Goodyear Blimp took flight and two bouncing baby basketball prodigies were born less than four years apart in the 1980s.

LeBron James and Stephen Curry, the NBA's two biggest stars set to square off in the upcoming finals, are from the same city. Genuine homeboys. The prodigal son and the precision shooter. Talk about a long shot.

James re-signed as a free agent with the Cavaliers last summer, returning to his home after four years in Miami to chase an NBA title. And as fate would have it, Golden State's Curry will come back to his Ohio birthplace to pursue his dream. "It's kind of ironic that he's going back to Cleveland, where he came into the world, to try and get the world championship," said his father, Dell Curry.

Wardell Stephen Curry was born on March 14, 1988, arriving while his daddy, traded by Utah to Cleveland before his second pro season, was playing in Madison Square Garden against the New York Knicks.



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Curry made his world debut with almost the same speed in which he comes off a screen, catches the ball and drops one of his 3-pointers — lightning quick. His mom, Sonya, said her delivery was only about 2-1/2 hours, roughly the length of a pro game.

The Currys didn't spend much time in Ohio as Dell was selected by the Charlotte Hornets in the expansion draft and the family was uprooted again.

Until he left for Florida in 2010, Akron is the only place James ever knew and where the public first glimpsed his greatness as a high school star. He's defiantly proud of his city, often referring to his humble upbringing by saying he's "just a kid from Akron, Ohio."

The four-time MVP said he and the league's current MVP, who was also the top vote-getter for this year's All-Star game, have not discussed their Akron bond.

"No, we never have," James said. "I don't think we'll talk too much about it, either, coming up."

James has been a fan of Curry's for years, first recognizing his potential when the Warriors' guard was at Davidson. James watched Curry play several times, once driving to Detroit to see him in the NCAA Tournament. James said he knew almost immediately that Curry was destined for stardom.

"I just thought he was special, a special kid," James said. "I'm very good at noticing talent and I thought he was special then and he still is."

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- 1 garlic clove
- ¼ tsp cumin powder
- 3 Tbsp finely diced red onion
- 1 cup finely diced, cooked chicken breast
- ¼ cup diced tomato
- ⅓ cup shredded white cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 375. Spray mini cup muffin tin with vegetable oil. Place wonton wrappers in each cup, spray with vegetable oil and bake for 10 minutes or just until lightly browned and crisp.
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3. Add in onion, chicken and tomato. Spoon into wonton shells and sprinkle with cheese.

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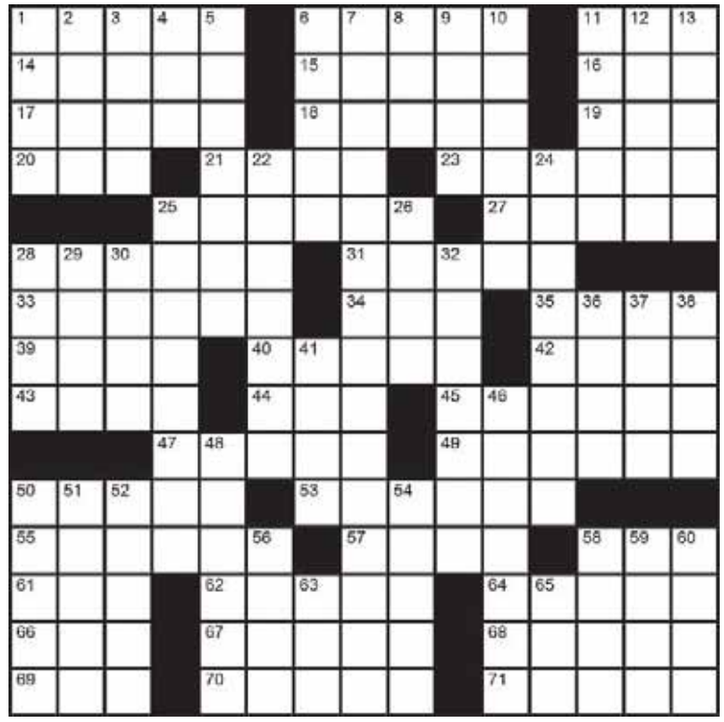

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1. Zacharias __, Inuk director of "Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner" (2001)
6. Expect
11. Concealed
14. Cartoon style of Japan
15. Piquant
16. "Ghost" (1990) role, __ Mae Brown
17. Parish clergyman
18. "Coffee, __ __ milk?"
19. NBA-er, Jeremy __
20. "Greetings!" in ancient Rome
21. Biblical heirs, with The
23. Vancouver-set series of 2005 to 2008, "__ Arms"
25. Ms. DeWitt's of "Three's Company"
27. "The __ Professor" (1996)
28. Indirectly refer to
31. Kind of orange
33. Earth's third biggest island
34. 1901 Irving Bacheller book, __ and I
35. Fast food titan Ray
39. Coalition
40. Pickpocket trainer in "Oliver!" (1968)
42. Uncovered
43. Rave's partner
44. Actress Charlotte
45. Fix untidyness
47. The Who's "_ __ Explain"
49. Tatterly togged: 2 wds.
50. Variety of pear
53. "_' Fool" by The Guess Who
55. Senator for California Ms. Feinstein
57. Stirfry pans
58. Big noise
61. Inc., in England
62. Bird-related
64. Cad
66. Wrath
67. Change hair hue again
68. Call forth
69. __ & Breakfast
70. Smeltery waste
71. Speak, archaically

DOWN
1. Polynesian drink
2. Montreal's McGill, e.g.
3. Gracious
4. Ms. Thurman
5. __ Bear (Name by which British Columbia's provincial mammal the Spirit Bear is also known)
6. Empire of Mexico
7. Jaunts for just-a-few-days-off workers: 2 wds.
8. Cool Cucumber link: 2 wds.
9. "Use __ __ lose..."
10. Actor, __ Power (b.1914 - d.1958)
11. "The Planets" composer Gustav
12. __ box (Television)
13. Mr. DeVito
22. Protective daughter of ancient Egypt's sun god: 3 wds.
24. Canadian food retailer since 1982: 2 wds.
25. Haines __ (Yukon village)
26. Wrapped garment
28. Shortened word, for short
29. Kinks hit
30. Dianetics guru, _. __ Hubbard
32. Suzie __, Saskatoon-born Blues singer
36. _-_-tat-tat
37. Beaver State [abbr.]
38. Millennium divs.
41. _ __ E ("Bates Motel" network, spelled-out)
46. Exiles to Elba, for instance
48. Ocean liner company since 1840
50. Improvise
51. Gunpowder component
52. Weary
54. Canonical hour
56. At all
58. Marker on the water
59. Requests
60. Convene
63. Nuptials vow: 2 wds.
65. Lab eggs

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You are never afraid to try something new but the full moon in wayward Sagittarius warns you to be a bit more cautious over the next few days. Take a risk if you must, but make it a calculated one.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you find yourself backed into a corner today you will have to talk your way out of trouble. If you sound sincere, even your rivals and enemies will find it hard to criticize you.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you expect things to go wrong today they most likely will. However, if you expect things to go right, even the most difficult situations could go your way. It's not magic, it's your mind creating your world.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Most likely you will be praised to the skies today. Wherever you go, whatever you do: you'll hear only good things about yourself. Should you be suspicious? Yes, never trust anyone under the light of a full moon!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your best course of action today is to sit on the sidelines and refuse to get involved, no matter what disputes may be taking place. They are too complex for even a Virgo. Let others sort them out for a change.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't let anyone speak on your behalf today. They will most likely say things that could cause trouble. The more controversial your opinions the more you will need to explain them yourself.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today's full moon suggests you won't be thinking straight or feeling straight, so watch out. Above all, don't take risks with money — you'll lose out!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You believe that nothing can harm you, that you can push your luck to the limit and get away with it. Your self-belief is admirable but reality could make a large dent in your confidence. The full moon in your sign warns against taking risks.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
There may be a dozen and one things you are worrying about at the moment but none of them are important. Compared to most people your existence is charmed. There is simply no need for negativity.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Focus on the big picture over the next 24 hours and don't let little things annoy you. No matter what goes wrong, in the greater scheme of things everything is progressing exactly as it should.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Today's full moon warns this is not a good time to take risks or liberties, especially on the work front. Something unexpected is likely to occur, be ready to adapt to whatever new power structure may arise.

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